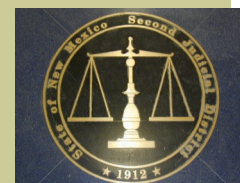


NM Second Judicial District

FY16 BUDGET REQUEST



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

GENERAL FUND REQUEST

\$26,286,000 The reversion in FY14 was \$0 !

BASE BUDGET The court is requesting new General Fund to support the costs of mandatory medical insurance increases, increases in judicial pension contributions, and GSD costs such as a telephone service rate increase of 5.7%. Additionally, \$531.2 is requested in Salaries and Benefits to fill 7 approved positions that have been left vacant for several years. The court has left 36.5 positions open for several years and currently has a vacancy rate of 9.3%. This represents a proposed base increase of 2.3%.

JUDGESHIP \$385,700 As approved and supported by the Supreme Court this court is seeking a new Judge, Trial Court Administrative Assistant, Court Reporter, and Bailiff. Studies indicate that the court's current caseload would justify a new judgeship.

Most surveys of public sentiment demonstrate that the largest complaint of the public and business community is that the court takes too long to resolve cases. Without these requested resources case resolution will continue to lag with negative safety ramifications for the community and a large economic detriment for the business community.

ELDER AND DISABILITY COURT

INITIATIVE \$245,000 The second request is for implementation of an **Elder Court**. According to the US Census Bureau, the number of people older than 65 will more than double between 2000 and 2050, and the population over age 85 will quadruple. This population is particularly vulnerable to abuse, neglect, and exploitation. This increase in filings will be felt over several divisions of the court including petitions for guardianship, conservatorships, end-of-life, living wills, advance directives, probates, domestic violence, criminal charges, and mental health commitments. Elder abuse and domestic violence is often found at the root of these petitions.

The elderly are susceptible to physical, sexual, emotional, and financial exploitation as well as neglect, abandonment and self-neglect. A 2004 Survey of State Adult Protective Services found that 37% of adults 60 years or older are victims of self-neglect and 20% are victims of caregiver neglect.

This court has approximately 7,000 cases in need of assessment.

VETERAN'S COURT \$200,000 The Veteran's Court is based on a drug court/treatment court/problem solving court model. This court has been initiated in cooperation with the executive Behavioral Health Division. Currently our newest effort at individualized justice, the Veteran's Court, has 60 clients. Veterans are screened upon arrival at the Metropolitan Detention Center to begin the assessment process for application to the program. If accepted into the program the veteran will immediately begin drug and alcohol screening, intensive treatment, and meeting with a judge on a regular weekly

CAPITAL REQUESTS

\$1,770,600

\$1,300,000 Courtroom Evidence Presentation

systems for 19 courtrooms. The court has had a pilot of this technology in place for 2 years in three courtrooms and is pleased with the results. Upgrading automated evidence presentation systems shortens trials and hearings, enhances understanding by jurors (who research shows pay more attention to the presentation monitors than to the person speaking) and lowers costs to the public. This system also integrates with the "realtime" court reporting and so provides an instant visual transcript for the hearing impaired.

\$171,400 Security Equipment

Our security is provided in partnership with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office. This request is to upgrade degrading equipment such as cameras in the courtrooms and monitors in the video monitoring room. The current interior and exterior cameras are not serviceable by the vendor and presents a risk to employees and public if the ability to see a security problem is minimized. We are also asking to remodel the entrance to provide a more secure method of sorting the public before entrance.

\$148,800 Court Reporting Equipment

and "For The Record" recording equipment and software. By state statute all court activity by any individuals in a hearing or trial must be captured verbatim for the record of proceedings. This software provides services to judges, attorneys, and the public by transcribing the record of proceedings immediately. The court has 37 courtrooms/hearing rooms to create the record manned by 31 employees.

\$150,400 Furniture Replacement

This request is to replace furniture which is degraded to the point where it will be taken off inventory as not serviceable. The Children's Court at our north Second Street location is especially in need of miscellaneous replacement furniture such as conference tables, desks and chairs. We also are furnishing chambers for new judges as they are brought into the court. Many of the chairs requested will be put to use in the courtrooms for the public and attorneys. In a public building like ours using furniture

The Second Judicial District Court

Established: 1941

Source of Authority: New Mexico Constitution Article 6

Bernalillo County Population: 673,460 (2012)

The Second District Court is a court of General Jurisdiction hearing all legal claims not reserved to courts of limited jurisdiction. The court hears criminal felony cases for adults or juveniles brought by the state, domestic relations matters, cases alleging abuse or neglect of minors, and all civil matters above \$25,000. Any appeals go the NM Court of Appeals and then on to the NM Supreme Court.

The Second District Court's total budget in FY 15 is \$30,971,800. The most recent audit confirmed that in FY14 the court reverted \$0. The court *has not had a single finding* on the annual financial audit since 2010.

The court has 27 judges and is divided into four major jurisdictions. Each division has developed programs unique to their cases and litigant needs.

Major Program areas include:

<u>Civil</u>	<u>Criminal</u>	<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Children</u>
10 judges	10 judges	4 judges (7.5 HOs)	3 judges (2 HOs)
Mediation	Early Plea	Court Clinic	Delinquency
Arbitration	PreTrial Services	Child Support	Abuse and Neglect
Foreclosure	Adult Drug Court	Domestic Violence	Juvenile Drug Court
Elder Court	Mental Health Court	Center for Self Help	Youth/Family Counseling
	Veteran's Court		PEG
	Probation Violation		



General Fund Facts for FY 10 to FY15

<u>GF Appropriation</u>	<u>GF FTE</u>	<u>Cases Filed</u>	<u>Financial Audit Results</u>	<u>Reversions</u>
<u>FY10</u> \$21,111,600	331.5	54,595	Unqualified Opinion	\$0
<u>FY11</u> \$20,271,500	326.5	54,385	Unqualified Opinion	\$96.79
<u>FY12</u> \$20,103,800	326.5	49,851	Unqualified Opinion	\$108.66
<u>FY13</u> \$21,051,500	326.5	50,570	Unqualified Opinion	\$25.73